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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6168

BILL NUMBER: SB 109

DATE PREPARED: Jan 17, 2002

BILL AMENDED: Jan 17, 2002

SUBJECT: Accreditation of Disabilities Services Providers.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: No Fiscal Impact

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill modifies the definition of "community mental retardation and other developmental disabilities centers". The bill requires the Rehabilitation Services Bureau of the Division of Disability, Aging, and Rehabilitative Services (Bureau), when contracting for certain services, to contract with entities or individuals that are accredited by certain organizations. It requires the Bureau to include in the contract any specific requirement not covered by the entity's or individual's accreditation. This bill also makes conforming amendments. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the Commission on Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities.)

Effective Date: (Amended) Upon Passage; July 1, 2002.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) The Rehabilitation Services Bureau currently requires organizations with which it contracts to be accredited, or in the process of becoming accredited, by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF).

This bill expands the list of acceptable accreditations to include: The Council of Quality and Leadership in Supports for People with Disabilities, or its successor; The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO), or its successor; The National Commission on Quality Assurance, or its successor; or an independent national accreditation organization approved by the secretary of the Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA). This list applies to both community mental retardation and other developmental disabilities centers as well as any entity that is contracted for services by the Rehabilitation Services Bureau within the Division of Disability, Aging, and Rehabilitative Services.

This bill will not affect state expenditures. However, it would allow contractors to be accredited by other accrediting bodies which would eliminate some multiple accreditation fees paid by agencies wishing to do business with the Bureau. In addition, the Bureau can include in a contract specific requirements for job development, placement, or retention services for entities whose accreditations lack these requirements. This

will further reduce multiple accreditation.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Family and Social Services Administration.

Local Agencies Affected:

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